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Loan for Tellicherry Municipality

*159 Q.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation in May 1956 from the Tellicherry Municipality asking for a loan to pay its 25 per cent contribution for the schemes of preventing sea erosion in that town? 11-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI: No, Sir.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that sea erosion is a big problem throughout Malabar and especially in Tellicherry? During certain seasons even the building of the District Court is threatened by sea erosion. In view of that, will the Government take the responsibility of bunding the sea? The Government, on previous occasions, have answered on the floor of the House that it is the responsibility of the municipality to prevent sea erosion. In view of that fact, will the Government sanction the loans asked for by the Municipality of Tellicherry and see that sea erosion is prevented?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI: Whenever applications for loans come, certainly the Government will consider them. With regard to this matter, the Chief Engineer, Highways, has been having some correspondence with the municipality.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Construction of a drinking-water well for Venkaivadi Harijan Colony

10 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the reasons for not finishing the construction of the drinking-water well in Venkaivadi Harijan Colony in Kallakurichi taluk yet?

A.—An estimate for Rs. 1,710 for repairing the well in R.S. No. 107-3, battai poramboke of Venkaivadi village, Kallakurichi taluk, was sanctioned by the Collector of South Arcot in June 1955. At the time of carrying out the repairs, two of the villagers objected on the ground that the well in question had been constructed by their forefathers and that the Government had no right over the well. As there are no records to prove conclusively the ownership, it is considered not desirable to spend Government money on repairs to this well. The Collector is on the look-out for a suitable place at the disposal of the Government very near the Harijan Colony and will take action to sink a new well as soon as a suitable site is fixed.

Arecanut Marketing Co-operative Society, Kumaranellur

11 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government will place